



UServeUtah

Commission Meeting

May 18, 2026 | 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | Capitol Boardroom, Utah State Capitol

<https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/84756010783?pwd=AJxxE7I3MDhOHdnriUabpnLeeVqoFa.1>

- 12:00 Welcome & Governance**
- Commissioner Introductions
 - Approval of Minutes
- 12:10 Open and Public Meetings Act training**
- Annual training (Elliot)
- 12:30 Program Discussion**
- Dashboard presentation + review (Max)
 - AmeriCorps State grant review and approval (Don/ Janessa)
 - Budget review and approval (Mike)
- 1:15 Why I Serve**
- Ruby Vejar and Maylin Carter
- 1:45 Chair/ Director updates**
- Max
 - Loggins

Dates to Remember

- June 8 ShowUp for Service Fair, Thanksgiving Point
- June 26 Museum of Utah Grand Opening
- June 25 - July 11 Great American State Fair, Washington DC
- May 14 - June 25 Strategic [Listening Sessions](#) (Live or In person)
- Now - July 31 [Public Survey](#) Open

Commission Meeting Schedule 2026

- Jan 12, 12:00 - 2:00 State Capitol, Hybrid
- May 18, 12:00 - 2:00 State Capitol, Hybrid
- August 10, 12:00 - 2:00 UVU, Hybrid
- November 17, 9:00 - 2:00 State Capitol in person

Minutes

Utah Commission on Service & Volunteerism
Jan 12, 2026 | 12:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M. | Capitol Boardroom, Utah State Capitol

Attendees

Commissioners and Representatives: Katie Mazzie, Joanne Brattain, Max Rogers, Jake Murakami, Cassidy Hansen, Kim Hammer, Bethany Marker, Donna Law, Melissa Huntington, Charity Rowberry, Chauma Kee-Jansen, David Francis, Julie Rich, Amanda Morton, Ruby Vejar, Maylin Carter, and Carla Nunez

Department of Cultural & Community Engagement Staff and Guests: Greg Bates, Mike Moon, Laura Huefner, Sara Dorsey, Janessa Edwards, Yvette Woodland, Judy Hut, Valerie Thibault, Lesha Kirkwood, and Paula Lozano.

Welcome & Governance

Max Rogers, Chair

Max welcomed the commission members. Introductions of new commissioners David Francis, Charity Rowberry, Amanda Morton and Julie Rich.

Approval of Minutes from the Commission meeting on November 13th, 2025.
Motion to approve by Kim Hammer and motion seconded by Jake Murakami.
Unanimous approval.

Commissioner Activity

Melissa and Chauma led an activity asking the attendees to share an item important to them and share the story of its importance with everyone.

Program Discussion

Dashboard Presentation & Review

Max introduced the strategic plan dashboard outline and a few highlights, including exceeding goals in partners for the United in Service events and outreach events.

Strategic Plan Process Overview and Ways to Engage

Greg discussed the mandate of the commission to put in place a strategic plan every 3 years. He went over the 2026 timeline and goals for the upcoming 2027-2029 strategic plan. The new strategic plan will be reviewed and approved at the November 2026 Commission Meeting. Greg also discussed the need and expectations for a steering committee and requested volunteers.



UServeUtah Day on the Hill

Yvette discussed the upcoming UServeUtah Day on the Hill event, including a service project putting together car comfort kits and requested commissioners attend the event if possible.

Chair / Director Updates

Commission Engagement

Max discussed the engagement expectations for new and ongoing commissioners. He discussed subcommittee options and expectations along with opportunities for attending upcoming events.

AI and Bridging Discussions

Mike discussed how previous AI and bridging discussions have been built into current programming and the plan to incorporate them both into the 2027-2029 strategic plan.

2025 Accomplishments

Mike discussed the importance of reflection and went through significant events that happened in 2025, including community engagement, AmeriCorps Seniors, and AmeriCorps State events. Open discussion and questions and upcoming goals for 2026.

Committee Breakouts

Max introduced the committee breakouts and asked the program managers to give an overview of their committees and expectations. Max briefly discussed upcoming events. Commissioners were excused, and the following committee breakouts took place.

- Breakout 1: Judy discussed the Community Engagement Committee with interested commissioners in the Board Room (Main Capitol Building).
- Breakout 2: Janessa discussed the AmeriCorps State Committee with interested commissioners in Room 170 (Main Capitol Building).

After the Committee Breakouts, the meeting was adjourned.

UServeUtah CY26 Strategic Plan Dashboard

| Team | Strategy | Time Frame | Annual Target | Actual | Progress |
|--|--|---|--|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Mental Health Goal 1: Research and share information on the positive mental health benefits of service and volunteerism | | | | | |
| CE | Gather insights into the mental health benefits of youth volunteerism by using Golden Software to track and analyze reflections submitted by high school students in the Volunteer for Good program. | Jan 2026-December 2026 | 100% | | In progress: on track |
| Mental Health Goal 2: Improving physical, mental, and behavioral health through service | | | | | |
| AC State | Prioritize grant funding opportunities for those that promote mental health. | January 2026 | 100% | 20% | In progress: on track |
| AC State | Improve social integration and healthy connections of youth and young adults by promoting opportunities for service in high school and higher education. | Ongoing | 10 | 2 | In progress: on track |
| CE | Improve social integration and healthy connections Utahns create through service by hosting United In Service Events throughout the state. Develop partnerships to enhance education on the benefits of service. | Jan 2026, April 2026, Sept 2026, Nov 2026 | 3 partners | 2 | In progress: on track |
| MarCom | Improve social integration and healthy connections of youth and young adults by promoting opportunities for service in high school and higher education. | Ongoing | 6 outreach events Monthly (12) social media posts | 3 events, 3 posts | In progress: on track |
| AC Seniors | Decrease isolationism and increase connections with older adults throughout the state through service. | Ongoing | 2 surveys | 1 survey | In progress: on track |
| Mental Health Goal 3: Increase types of and reach of mental health resources to those engaged in service and volunteerism | | | | | |
| AC State | Provide mental health counseling services to those engaged in national service and volunteerism. | Ongoing | 100% | 100% | Complete |
| Special Projects | Increase mental health resources to rural Utah through service-centric programming. | Ongoing | 100% | 30% | In progress: on track |

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| Housing Access Goal 1: Prioritize expanding access to housing through UServeUtah programming and initiatives | | | | | |
| AC State | Prioritize grant funding opportunities that expand access to housing as well as those providing support to vulnerable families facing housing challenges. | January 2026 | 100% | 100% | Complete |
| AC State | Support nonprofits and community organizations to enhance their ability to serve individuals facing housing challenges. | Ongoing | 2 | 2 | Complete |
| Housing Access Goal 2: Increase services aimed to support and stabilize families and individuals to remain in housing and divert them from homelessness | | | | | |
| AC State | Use service to support housing navigation. | Ongoing | 5 | 0 | Stalled |
| Housing Access Goal 3: Increase the amount and types of housing available through service and volunteerism | | | | | |
| AC State | Identify partners in this space and collaborate to find ways that service can be a solution to housing availability. | Ongoing | 5 | 0 | Stalled |

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| Institutionalizing Service Goal 1: Provide opportunities for young people to participate in national service and community engagement, and recognize them for the impacts they make through service | | | | | |
| AC State | Increase awareness of AmeriCorps State and the benefits of participating in national service. | Ongoing | 15 | 5 | In progress: on track |
| MarCom | Increase awareness of AmeriCorps and the benefits of participating in national service. | Ongoing | 6 community events Monthly (12) AmeriCorps social media posts | 5 events, 4 posts | In progress: on track |
| CE | Recognize the contributions of youth participating in Lt. Governor's High School Volunteer Program (Volunteer for Good) by developing formal recognition program. | Jan 2026 - December 2026 | 100% | | In progress: on track |
| AC State | Recognize the contributions of AmeriCorps members through formal recognition. | Ongoing | 100% | 100% | Complete |
| Institutionalizing Service Goal 2: Provide opportunities for Utahns age 55+ to participate in national service and community engagement, and recognize them for the impacts they make through service | | | | | |
| AC Seniors | Increase awareness of AmeriCorps Seniors and the benefits of participating. | Ongoing | 5 strategies | 2 strategies | In progress: on track |
| AC Seniors | Recognize the contributions of seniors in Utah through formal recognition. | Ongoing | 4 events | | In progress: on track |
| Institutionalizing Service Goal 3: Increase collaboration and partnerships with government agencies, educational institutions, faith based organizations and nonprofits to identify ways to institutionalize service throughout the state | | | | | |
| Special Projects | Support workforce development opportunities for those engaged in national service programs to facilitate the transition to education and employment. | Ongoing | 100% | 25% | In progress: on track |
| CE | Evaluate the Leading for Impact corporate training pilot by collaborating with stakeholders to determine its feasibility and value in supporting corporate service and nonprofit partnerships through volunteerism. | January - March assessment, roll-out August if applicable | 100% | 30% | In progress: on track |
| AC State | Promote opportunities for service that bring people together to address and solve community issues. | Jan-Dec 2026 | 100% | 50% | In progress: on track |
| Institutionalizing Service Goal 4: Identify and address barriers to participation in national service and volunteerism in order to increase rates of participation | | | | | |
| AC State | Increase benefits to serving as an AmeriCorps member to increase members serving in Utah. | Ongoing | 100% | 50% | In progress: on track |
| AC State | Innovate new ways people can serve while navigating known challenges and barriers. | Ongoing | 5 | 3 | In progress: on track |

| UServeUtah FY27 Budget | | |
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| Expenses | | |
| Personnel | | \$2,220,000.00 |
| Programming | (Total) | \$1,093,240.00 |
| AC Member Gathering | | |
| AC Program Director Trainings | | |
| AmeriCorps Seniors Volunteer Reimbursements & Stipends | | |
| ASC T/TA | | |
| Basecamp for AC State | | |
| Criminal History Checks | | |
| Grants Management System | | |
| MAP - Member Assistance Program | | |
| Media/Marketing | | |
| Networking, Relationship-building, Fundraising | | |
| Outreach Program - Constant Contacts | | |
| Postage & Mailing | | |
| Printing & Photocopying | | |
| Space Fees | | |
| SVM Training | | |
| Team Incentives/Development | | |
| Technology Costs | | |
| Training Suite | | |
| United in Service | | |
| Volunteer for Good | | |
| Wireless Phone Services | | |
| Youth Training/Initiatives | | |
| Passthrough Programming | (Total) | \$8,301,151.00 |
| | AmeriCorps State Estimated | \$6,312,680.00 |
| | One Utah Service Fellowship General Funds Estimated | \$1,243,000.00 |
| | Volunteer for Good | \$595,471.00 |
| | Youth Mental Health Corps | \$150,000.00 |
| Total Budgeted Expenses | | \$11,614,391.00 |
| Revenue | | |
| AmeriCorps Agency | (Total) | \$7,611,167.00 |
| CSG | | \$290,000.00 |
| CIF | | \$208,487.00 |
| 2% Administrative Support | | \$135,000.00 |
| AmeriCorps State & National Programs | | \$6,177,680.00 |
| AmeriCorps Seniors Foster Grandparents | | \$500,000.00 |
| AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companions | | \$300,000.00 |
| State General Funds | (Total) | \$4,258,100.00 |
| | One Utah Service Fellowship | \$1,238,100.00 |
| | Volunteer for Good | \$850,000.00 |
| | General Funds | \$950,000.00 |
| | FY26 to 27 Carryforward | \$1,220,000.00 |
| Development | | \$380,000.00 |
| | Youth Mental Health Corps | \$250,000.00 |
| | Utah Philanthropy Day | \$30,000.00 |
| | Other Development Efforts | \$100,000.00 |
| Total Budgeted Expenses | | \$12,249,267.00 |



Help shape the future of service in Utah

Share your feedback to shape UServeUtah's next strategic plan. Take the public survey or attend a listening tour session near you. Your ideas will help guide how we address community needs through service and volunteerism in our state.

Take the survey

Tell us about your community's needs and how service can be a solution.



Attend the listening tour

Participate in-person or virtually to share your feedback and ideas.

